AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A plastic magnet precursor comprising a thermoplastic resin powder and at least one magnet powder, wherein said resin powder adheres around the magnet powder, and the at least one magnet powder is coated with a coupling agent which bonds the magnet powder and the thermoplastic resin powder.

2. (Currently Amended) A plastic magnet precursor comprising a thermoplastic resin powder, ~~and~~ at least one magnet powder, and an antioxidant which prevents oxidation of the thermoplastic resin powder, wherein the resin powder is melted at a surface that contacts the magnet powder to adhere said magnet powder around the resin powder.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) A plastic magnet precursor comprising a thermoplastic resin powder and at least one magnet powder, wherein said magnet powder adheres around the resin powder and the at least one magnet powder is coated with a coupling agent which bonds the magnet powder and the thermoplastic resin powder.

5. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant which prevents oxidation of the thermoplastic resin powder.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 1 further comprising a metal deactivator which prevents the magnet powder from oxidizing the thermoplastic resin powder.

8. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 2 further comprising a metal deactivator which prevents the magnet powder from oxidizing the thermoplastic resin powder.

Claims 9-16 (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 4 further comprising an antioxidant which prevents oxidation of the thermoplastic resin powder.

18. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 4 further comprising a metal deactivator which prevents the magnet powder from oxidizing the thermoplastic resin powder.